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Austin, Texas  
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Mr. Al Lieberman, Executive Secretary  
Texas Council of Senior Citizens  
910 Continental Building  
Houston 2, Texas

Dear Mr. Lieberman:

Our mutual friend, Tony Koriloth, has forwarded me your letter of December 12, 1962, in which you tell Mr. Koriloth that you have written me five or six times and have never received an acknowledgment. I am shocked at this statement, as my Administrative Assistant in Washington, Mr. Alex Dickie, who keeps check on the mail, assures me that all letters are being answered within three days of the time of receipt. I am forwarding to him a copy of your letter and this letter to have him double check our files and find out whether there was some error in the address you had, or mistake in handling the mail.

During this past fall I have been overseas for five weeks and could not personally check the mail at that time, but I feel that Mr. Dickie was doing an efficient job. At least, we will both double check it to see what has happened.

The statement in the third sentence of your letter that there was no minority representation on my staff is not true, because you include Latin Americans as a minority there. When I took office as U. S. Senator on April 29, 1957, I appointed Miss Sandra Padilla of San Antonio my personal secretary. This is a position of great importance in the office. She is still my personal secretary and Carlos Rivera of El Paso is also on my staff. Two Latin Americans on the staff gives them a very high proportion when the small number of the staff are concerned.

In addition to this direct representation on my staff, I have supported, and I feel have been responsible for the appointment of more Latin Americans to high office in Texas, than any other man or six men in the history of Texas, save only President John F. Kennedy.

Reynaldo Garza of Brownsville is now a United States District Judge because of my approval, and active work on his